

**LUNCH QUEUES**

S3 - S5 – First
S1 - S2 – Second

GENERAL INFORMATION

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

The deadline for our shoebox collection is Friday 21st November. Please ensure all completed boxes are handed in to Mrs Davey or your RMPS/Social Subjects teacher before this date. If any pupils would like to help sort out the shoeboxes before they are sent away, please meet at lunchtime in the RME room on Thursday 20th November. Feel free to bring your lunch.

Citizenship Committee**CHRISTMAS FAYRE**

This year's Christmas Fayre will take place in the school on **Thursday 27 November from 6:30pm**. Entry is free for pupils and £3 for adults (including tea/coffee and a mince pie). There will be lots of stalls selling Christmas gifts (including a 'gifts for mums and dads stall') so bring lots of money! 'Super Saint' Steven Thompson will draw the raffle at 8:30pm. Tickets will be on sale at the school office soon!

Mr Holsgrove**SKILL OF THE MONTH, NOVEMBER – THINKING**

The skill for November is "Thinking". The onus is on YOU to make sure that you know what your skills are and to take opportunities to develop them. The skills wall in each department has been updated with the new skill. You should try to record the skills you have and where they are used in each subject in your Homework diary, a Skills notes jotter or MyMerIT. If you would like to know more, or would like help to understand any of the skills then please see Mrs Darroch.

Mrs Darroch**YOUNG MUSICIAN COMPETITION**

Gryffe High School's Annual Young Musician Competition is taking place over the coming months. There are 3 categories:

- Junior (S1/S2)
- Intermediate (S3/S4)
- Senior (S5/S6)

For this competition, you are required to play one piece of music lasting no more than 5 minutes on your chosen instrument or voice. The first round will take place in the school theatre on Thursday 27 November from 3:45pm.

If you are successful and qualify for the final, you will be required to perform to an audience and an adjudicator who will decide a first and second place in each category. The final is on Thursday 15 January 2015.

Application forms are available from the music department and should be returned by Friday 21 November.

Mrs Currie**YOUNG ENTERPRISE - OppARTunity**

The Young Enterprise business OppARTunity have set up a company which aims to promote the art and photography work of young artists in Renfrewshire. The company will sell your work as originals, prints and on accessories such as phone covers and mugs. You will receive a percentage of the profit but more importantly have your work promoted in the wider community. The company also have a gallery in Ingram Street in Glasgow where selected works will be displayed and sold - this is an opportunity not to be missed by aspiring young artists. If you wish the company to promote your work, see Miss Inglis, Mrs MacDonald or Kadey Adams S6 as soon as possible.

Miss Inglis**SPORTS TEAMS AND CLUBS**

Information on Sports Teams and Clubs will be updated on notice boards within PE department throughout the year. All participants should regularly check notice boards for updates. A new club starting next week is;

- Girl's football for all year groups every Wednesday after school until 4:00pm. See notice boards to confirm where session will be held each week e.g. Cage, Games Hall, Blaze etc.
- Dance Club will be having a meeting on Tuesday 18/11/14 at 1.30 existing members and new members all welcome

Mr O'Hare

MAD SHOW

I would like to thank all the pupils and staff that were involved in the Mad Show last Thursday night. The reaction from the audience was terrific and everyone enjoyed yet another wonderful show. MAD has been running for 6 years now and I hope every pupil involved in MAD over these years have benefited from the experience.
Well done to you all! Thanks

Mrs Wilson

New S1 - S3 INFORMATION

S1 Drama Trip

The second instalment of £6 is due now. Please bring this money in ASAP and give to your Drama teacher or Mrs Davey - clearly labelled with your name and drama class. Deadline of Monday 24th November.

Mrs Davey

New S4 - S6 INFORMATION

EXAM CONCESSIONS

If you have any sort of exam concessions (Reader, Scribe, Extra Time, ICT, etc) and you could not attend your red flag last week, you **MUST** see Miss Brown in pupil support this week.

You will have received a letter/copy in post already (which should have been returned by now) and you must sign your version. All pupils with exam concessions were red flagged for Monday 3rd Nov p5 but you may have missed this.

Miss Brown

MODERN APPRENTICESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Along with the NHS Modern Apprenticeships available in Administration and Procurement (Closing on the 17 November) and Microsoft Apprenticeships available in both IT (hardware and software) and Business Administration. Morgan Stanley are also now recruiting for Modern Apprenticeships in the Financial Sector, starting September 2015. Details for all of these apprenticeships can be found on the School App and Website. If you would like further information please see Mrs Darroch.

Mrs Darroch